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Public Meeting on the Animas River/Gold King Mine Incident

Durango, CO – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), San Juan Basin Health Department, La Plata County, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and other agencies responding to the impacts of the Gold King Mine incident on La Plata County will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Miller Middle School, 2608 Junction Street, Durango. There will be an overview of the incident given in the auditorium and then the public will have the opportunity to go to break-out tables to speak with experts available on topics including the following:

- Recreation on the Animas, including rafting and fishing
- Gardening and Agriculture
- Environmental Monitoring
- Economic Impacts

A Recovery Center is open in Durango on Tuesday, August 18 and Wednesday, August 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the east end of the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 2500 Main Avenue, Durango Colorado. Staff from local, state and federal agencies will be available to answer questions regarding financial and/or technical assistance related to the Animas River - Gold King Mine release. If you believe that you have suffered an economic loss related to the event, or if you have questions related to water quality, crops or livestock, individuals will be on hand to offer information and/or assistance.

La Plata County has set up a Call Center for the public at 970-382-7592 and it is open from 8:00 – 6:00 p.m. Southern Ute Tribal members may call the Tribal Hotline at 970-563-5025. Information can be found on the following sites: Blog: goldkingminerelease.blogspot.com; www.facebook.com/goldkingminerelease; Twitter: @GKMRelease; Youtube Channel: Gold King Mine Release. EPA website for the incident can be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>. CDPHE also has a webpage for the incident at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/animas-river-spill>.

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